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ADVISORY FOR WATSON BAYOU LIFTED City of Panama City reports water is now safe

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Panama City, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) is rescinding an advisory for Watson Bayou. This included Business 98 north to 8th Street.

The original release sent Monday, November 18 was due to a lift station malfunction at **803 E 14**th **Street in Panama City**. The release entered **Watson Bayou**. Clean up actions are complete.

Sewage contamination of water can expose swimmers to **intestinal viruses**, **bacteria**, and **parasites**. Swimming in the water may cause **symptoms like food poisoning** with vomiting and diarrhea. **Infection is possible** in **open cuts and wounds** that come in contact with the water.

For more information, contact the DOH-Bay's Environmental Health at 850-481-4806 or visit Bay. Florida Health.gov.

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